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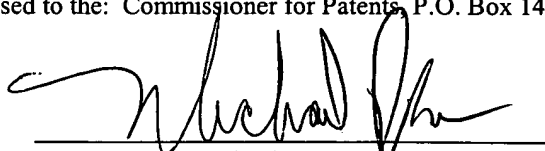
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The filing receipt for the present application filed on January 21, 2004 listed domestic priority as a continuation of a U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/073,761, filed February 11, 2002, which is incomplete. The domestic priority of the 10/073,761 application was also incomplete. These deficiencies have been resolved and Applicants hereby respectfully request that a complete domestic priority data for the present application be included in the filing receipt.

The complete domestic priority data for the present application was included in the Specification of the above application through a preliminary amendment filed on January 21, 2004, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition, the domestic priority data for the parent application of the present application, application No. 10/073,761, was corrected through a Petition For An Unintentionally Delayed Domestic Priority Claim Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) and (a)(6) filed on April 8, 2004 and which was subsequently granted on May 27, 2004. (A copy of the Petition, Decision and Corrected Filing Receipt for Application No. 10/073,761 are attached for your convenience.)

The Applicants respectfully request that the domestic priority for the present application be updated to state that the present application is a continuation of a U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/073,761, filed February 11, 2002, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/408,944, filed September 30, 1999, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/105,417, filed October 23, 1998. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request correction of the priority of the present application to the filing date of the 60/105,417 application, namely, October 23, 1998.

Please charge any deficiency as well as any other fee(s) which may become due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or 1.17 at any time during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment of such fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 21-0550. Also, in the event any extensions of time for responding are required for the pending application(s), please treat this paper as a petition to extend the time as required and charge Deposit Account No. 21-0550 therefor. TWO (2) COPIES OF THIS SHEET ARE ENCLOSED.

Respectfully submitted,

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